

## AGENDA

### Wood River Water Collaborative Meeting

Date and Time: Wednesday, September 21, 2016 at 1:00 p.m.

Location: The Nature Conservancy Office, 116 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue North, Hailey, Idaho

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### Introductions

#### Updates:

- Groundwater Flow Model: final report is found at:  
<http://www.idwr.idaho.gov/WaterInformation/Projects/woodriver/Meetings.htm>
  - Training on use of model : 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Wednesday, October 5 at USGS Water Science Center in Boise. Contact Sean Vincent to register 208-287-4853
- Subcommittee Reports: Agriculture, HOAs, Conservation, and Drafting group
- Silver Creek flow summary

#### Discussion Topics:

- Project Tours
- Presentation to the Idaho Water Resource Board – target the November meeting highlighting the WRWC’s history, efforts and goals.
- Bureau of Reclamation Grant Opportunities – Discuss potential for a comprehensive proposal that would come from the Collaborative as opposed to individual grant proposals for individual projects. Possible proposal would initially focus on implementing three projects in the basin that reduce consumptive use of water and increasing instream flows in the Big Wood, Silver Creek, or Little Wood River. Water Smart Grants are usually announced sometime in Oct/Nov with an application due date of Dec/Jan.
  - Cooperative Watershed Management Program (CWMP): Phase II. Funding will be for restoration projects that build ecological resiliency that increase on the ground watershed management.
    - WRLT was not awarded a CWMP Phase I grant (applied for on behalf of WRWC). 33% of proposals were funded. BOR staff stated application was compelling in a competitive cycle and encouraged further applications.
  - Water and Energy Efficiency Grants (WEEG): competitive grants that fund (50% max) project implementation ranging from \$300,000 to \$1 million over multiyear periods.
  - Water marketing/Exchange Program: Details still being developed yet discussion around funding for scoping/feasibility, software/electronic tools, implementation (valuation, logistics, ranking of water and evaluating large projects).

#### Next Steps:

- Schedule regular meeting times and dates; meet on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of every month at 9:00?
- Select two projects to be presented at the next WRWC meeting to give members a better understanding of what is happening throughout the watershed.